

Odette Mucha, B.A., M.A.

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Clean Energy Policy and Program Expert and Innovator

Nationally recognized expert in renewable energy policy and thought leadership
Expertise in expanding solar access through community and low-income solar programs

Career highlights include leading \$500 million White House initiative on community solar; pioneering first-of-its-kind low-income solar prize competition; overseeing America's \$1.5B transportation safety budget

Core competencies include solar energy and transportation policy design and analysis, low-income solar program implementation, stakeholder engagement, team leadership

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vote Solar, Southeast Regulatory Director 2019-present

- Engage in public service commission proceedings to advance solar in the Carolinas, Florida and Virginia
- Drove Florida utilities to adopt the largest community solar and low-income community solar programs in the country
- Lead research and campaign to advance Clean Energy Portfolios as a cheaper alternative to gas power plants

District of Columbia, Department of Energy and Environment 2018-2019 **Branch Chief, Renewable Energy and Clean Transportation**

- Managed 4 staff to execute \$20 million "Solar for All" initiative bringing solar to 100,000 low income residents
- Led City's response to transportation electrification proposal and other proceedings at DC Public Service Commission

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY 2012-2018

Solar Energy Technologies Office – Technology Manager 2015-2018

- Managed a \$40 Million R&D portfolio of solar energy research projects.
- Created and led the Solar in Your Community Challenge, a first-of-its-kind \$5 Million prize to spur business innovation to expand solar energy access to low-income consumers.
- Spearheaded the White House's National Community Solar Partnership, bringing together >150 orgs. pledging \$500 million in projects.

Stakeholder Engagement Office, Senior Coordinator 2013-2015

- Developed strategy to engage key clean energy stakeholders
- Served as DOE technical expert to city of St. Louis to modernize energy infrastructure
- Developed expertise in clean energy technologies: EVs, fuel cells, geothermal, hydro, EE weatherization.

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Operations and Strategic Innovation Office, Management Analyst 2012-2013

- Managed a multi-million-dollar, Enterprise IT Reform Initiative to consolidate 100+ IT systems onto one platform.
- Led initiative to develop new time saving standard operating procedures for auditing and NEPA compliance, leading to more efficient process for organization of hundreds

THE WHITE HOUSE, Office of Management and Budget 2010- 2012

Presidential Management Fellow

- Oversaw, monitored and evaluated the \$1.5 Billion budget for Dept. of Transportation roadway and pipeline safety programs. Determined funding levels and policy direction for the White House Budget.
- Advised White House leadership on the progress and policy impacts of several politically sensitive issues, e.g. pipeline accidents, green ports, NAFTA implementation in the trucking sector, and truck weight limits.
- Evaluated cost-benefit analyses of proposed fuel economy and vehicle safety standards.
- Oversaw DOT's implementation of sustainability initiatives, including reducing GHGs

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, Pacific Command, J-81 Energy Team May-Aug 2011

Program Analyst, rotational opportunity within Presidential Management Fellowship

- Coordinated a \$500 million inter-agency effort to demonstrate the commercialization of biofuels for military aviation. Analyzed financing options, technology pathways.
- Authored the energy chapter of the 2011 Annual Economic Outlook for the Asia Pacific.

CERES, Corporate Sustainability Intern 2008-2010

- Analyzed corporate sustainability plans of Fortune 100 companies, and recommended strategic improvements to clients. Edited Water and Climate Change report

SIERRA CLUB, Communications Team 2006-2007

National Spokesperson & Field Media Coordinator

- Advised over 100 people in communications. Increased field media hits by over 100%
- Interviewed by and got coverage in national press, e.g. AP, The Daily Show, Rolling Stone Magazine.

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GREEN CORPS Field School for Environmental Organizing

2005- 2006

Community Organizer

- Coordinated 3 environmental campaigns creating coalitions, engaging thousands.
- Led a major victory that eliminated Wisconsin's #2 source of mercury pollution.
- Managed a grassroots fundraising office. Hired and managed a staff of 10; raised >\$150,000.

EDUCATION

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

Medford, MA

Master of Arts in International Affairs, Phyllis E. & C. Douglas Dillon Fellow

2008- 2010

- Attended 2009 UN climate conference Copenhagen. Featured on cover of Boston Globe.

Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Government and French Area Studies; minor in International Relations

L'Institut D'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Paris, France

- Completed one year of studies in French at France's premier political science institution

OTHER EXPERIENCE & ACHIEVEMENTS

- Independent consultant, supporting policy makers including Senate staff on climate and clean energy policy development
- Speaker at international, national and regional convenings: Solar Power International, Clinton Global Initiative America, American Solar Energy Society, Solar Power Northeast, Solar Power Southeast, Energy Communities Alliance, National Association of Development Organizations, etc.
- Technical Advisor to Pacific Gas & Electric research project on community solar and zero net energy, 2017
- Active participant in Smart Electric Power Association's Community Solar Working Group
- Fellow, Excellence in Government Fellowship, 2016-2017
- Writing Fellow, Clean Energy Leadership Institute, 2014-2015
- Energy Committee Member, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, 2013-2014
- Proficient in French, beginner in Mandarin and Spanish

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